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SUBJECT: UNHCR DELEGATION IN ANGOLA

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1. I TALKED ON MARCH 26 WITH THE UNHCR DELEGATION NOW IN LUANDA TO COORDINATE WITH THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA (TGA) ON THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. ONE OF THEIR NUMBER, GUILLERMO CUNHA OF BRAZIL, WILL REMAIN BEHIND AS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE.

2. THE HEAD OF THE DELEGATION, ANTOINE NOEL FROM THE GENEVA OFFICE, AND ALBERT PETERS, THE UNHCR CENTRAL AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE FROM KINSHASA, DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE GOOD GRASP OF WHAT IS GOING ON. THEY ARE CONVINCED FTOM THEIR TALKS WITH OFFICIALS HERE THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED, ALTHOUG THEY HAVE NOT THEMSELVES GATHERED FIRST HAND INFORMATION IN THE FIELD. THE UNICEF REPRESENTATIVE FROM KINSHASA, THEY SAID, HAS TRAVELLED THROUGHOUT ANGOLA AND HE SAYS THERE IS A GREAT NEED.

3. THE GROUP WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE TGA HAS ALLOCATED 100,000 CONTOS TO THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. THEY HAVE TALKED WITH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH, THEY SAID, BUT HE DID NOT MENTION THE ALLOCATION. I FOUND THAT FITTING, BECAUSE WHEN I TALKED WITH THE MINISTER OF HEALTH HE TOLD ME HE LEARNED ABOUT THE ONE MILLION DOLLAR
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GIVEN BY PETERS AND NOEL.

4. UNHCR DELEGATION TOLD ME THAT THE ONE MILLION DOLLARS
IS TO BE CONSIDERED AS A FIRST STEP; IF MORE MONEY IS NEEDED,
IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH UNHCR MONEY IS ONLY A
CATALYST, DESIGNED TO STIMULATE AND HELP OUT. THE MAIN THRUST
MUST COME FROM ELSEWHERE. THE UNHCR PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
HERE WILL COORDINATE THE ACTIVITIES OF UNICEF, WFP, FAO,
UNDP AND OTHER AGENCIES THAT MIGHT BECOME INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM.
A TEAM FROM THESE AGENCIES WILL BE IN ANGOLA, ACCORDING TO
PETERS, ON APRIL 7.

5. PETERS AND NOEL SAID THEY HAD DISCUSSED THE UN PROGRAM WITH
LUCIO LARA, MPLA'S NUMBER TWO, AND LOPO DE NASCIMENTO, MPLA
MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL. THE UNHCR REPRESENTATIVES
SAID THEY HAD MADE CLEAR THAT THE UN HELPS PEOPLE AND NATIONS,
NOT PARTIES AND THAT THEPROGRAM IN ANGOLA MUST HAVE THE AUTHORIZATION
OF ALL FACTIONS. LARA AND NASCIMENTO BOTH SAID THAT MPLA CONCURS
IN THE REFUGEE PROGRAM AND WILL COOPERATE.

6. FOR KINSHASA: I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD GET FROM THE
UNICEP REPRESENTATIVE HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE SCOPE OF THE
PROBLEM AND THE NEED AT THIS END.
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